

IN THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of operating a semiconductor processing system comprising:

- determining a first state for a wafer via optical digital profiling;
- determining a second state for the wafer via optical digital profiling;
- determining a process recipe to change the state of the wafer from the first state to the second state;
- performing the process recipe on the wafer, wherein the state of the wafer changes from the first state to a processed state;
- determining when the processed state is not the second state; and
- updating the process recipe.

2. (Currently Amended) The method of operating a semiconductor processing system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the determining of the first state further comprises measuring at least one of ~~an optical property~~, an electrical ~~property~~, property and a physical property.

3. (Currently Amended) The method of operating a semiconductor processing system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the determining of the first state further comprises receiving at least one of ~~optical data~~, electrical ~~data~~, data and physical data.

4. (Currently Amended) The method of operating a semiconductor processing system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the determining of the second state further comprises measuring at least one of ~~an optical property, an electrical property, property~~ and a physical property.

5. (Currently Amended) The method of operating a semiconductor processing system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the determining of the second state for a wafer further comprises receiving at least one of ~~optical data, electrical data, data~~ and physical data.

6. (Original) The method of operating a semiconductor processing system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the determining of the process recipe comprises feeding forward at least one process recipe based on the first and second state of the wafer.

7. (Original) The method of operating a semiconductor processing system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the determining of the process recipe comprises predicting the second state using the first state of the wafer and a process model based on the process conditions.

8. (Original) The method of operating a semiconductor processing system as claimed in claim 1, further comprising:

determining differences between the processed state and the second state; and
feeding back the differences.

9. (Currently Amended) A method of operating a semiconductor processing system comprising:

determining a first state for a wafer via optical digital profiling;
determining a second state for the wafer via optical digital profiling;
determining a predicted state for the wafer, wherein a predicted process recipe is used
to change the state of the wafer from the first state to the predicted state;
determining a modeled state for the wafer, wherein a process module is used to
change the state of the wafer from the first state to the modeled state;
determining a measured state for the wafer, and
determining a recipe for changing the wafer state to the second state using the first
state, the predicted state, the modeled state, and the measured state.